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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Grant of fee concessions to pupils in a school means payment of compensation grant to the school. The policy is not to pay any grant to a fee-levying elementary school. Schools which work on a fee-levying non-aided basis may not also accept compensation at the rates at which such compensation is paid. It will be possible for children who were hitherto given fee concessions in a fee-levying school to be admitted to a non-fee-levying elementary school in the same locality and there is no need, therefore, for Government to subsidise their education in a fee-levying school. Parents of children who choose fee-levying schools for the education of their children will have to pay the fees demanded by the managements.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM : Sir, is the Hon. Minister aware that the standard of education imparted in schools that levy school fees, is slightly better than the standard in other schools and therefore the Non-Gazetted Officers are tempted to send their children to those schools? So, will the Government reconsider their decision and grant concession to them as it is little?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not concede the fact that the standard in the fee-levying school is higher than the standard in the non-fee-levying school. There are very efficient non-fee-levying schools but I do agree that there are a few special fee-levying schools which are very efficient. Here this is a general concession made applicable to everybody and I do not think that Non-Gazetted Officers should claim special preference in this case.

SRI R. SRINIVASA IYER : If there are no non-fee-levying schools in a particular area and Non-Gazetted Officers are employed there, will the Government consider giving concession in such cases?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : It is a hypothetical question and my own information is that there is no area which is not served by non-fee-levying schools.

MR. SPEAKER : Questions are over.

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

III.—ANNOUNCEMENT.

BILL.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that the Governor has given his recommendation for the consideration of the Madras (Transferred Territory) Incorporated and Unincorporated Devaswoms Bill, 1959, in the Legislative Assembly.